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Student officers and non-coms rolled in by bus, by private automobile, by ambulance and truck. Newcomers had their first view of Camp Bullis' scraggly vegetation, rocky soil, and distant blue hills. Many had waistlines due for reduction during the week ahead, and more had white necks slated for blisters. But in their innocence, or because of soldierly virtues, they smiled. Students had to pay transportation costs to and from school. Other costs were borne by Army and State of Texas.

# CAMP BULLIS

ARMY TRAINS 1000 TEXAS  
GUARD OFFICERS AT 2ND  
ANNUAL SCHOOL

As liberty bells peeled and radio oratory raged on last July Fourth officers of the Texas State Guard rolled over highways that sizzled under the scorching Texas sun to prove they knew a thing or two about defending the American Way. They were bound for Camp Bullis, northwest of San Antonio, rated the hottest, toughest, most bug-ridden camp in the continental United States.

They were off to spend a week of intensive training and instruction under regular army tutors. To learn new developments in the military sciences to pass on to their 17,000 troops at home. July 4th marked the opening of the first week-long session of the school,

followed by three other sessions, each attended by approximately 350 commissioned and non-commissioned Guard officers.

The school this year differed from the first one, held in September, 1942, in that emphasis this year was placed on militia duties rather than repelling invaders with commando and guerilla methods. Resultantly, the school was short on glamor, but it was long on the dirt-soldier kind of training that State Guards need.

Gratifying, too, to student officers were the constantly recurring comments of praise from lecturers at the school on the manner in which the Texas State



With eyes peeled for old acquaintances or new views, Texas State Guard students pound along the macadam toward the registration building. Blankets were issued students who slept on folding cots.



Capt. Fred Allen, C.M.P. school adjutant, watched cadets.



Monday morning for students double-time it in fatigue cloth.





Heads of the school, left to right: Lt. Col. A. H. Parham, Assistant G-3 TSG; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3 TSG; Col. Neill H. Banister, assistant adjutant general of Texas; Maj. Edgar L. Bull, CMP, school commandant; Lt. Col. Paul L. Bell, representing General Guerre; General Donovan; General Knickerbocker, and Col. George W. de Armond, chief of District No. 1, Internal Security Division, 8th Service Command. Many distinguished visitors were guest speakers or lecturers during school.

Guard handled the unfortunate situation at Beaumont. The compliments came from general officers on down.

Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command, said: "It can be truly said that Texas now has a trained military force." And Brig. Gen. Archer E. Lerch, assistant provost marshal general of the United States Army, said: "The Texas State Guard stands head and shoulders over any other I have seen."

Sunday afternoon each session was devoted to the glad-handing and reminiscing that characterizes every new meeting of old soldiers; plus registration, drawing of equipment and assign-

ment to quarters; plus the unpacking, when even the old campaigner with the check-list discovers that he left his saddle-soap, his tooth-brush or something at his home station.

The students were organized into four provisional companies, A, B, C, and D, and the usual curiosity concerning the appointments of cadet officers and non-coms mixed with the usual ribbing of de-ranked majors and captains to keep the latrines buzzing.

Then into the theatre at 1945 for the orientation conference that is the introduction to business. There they heard General Donovan, Brig. Gen. Ar-

thur B. Knickerbocker, the adjutant general of Texas and commander of the Texas State Guard; and Lt. Col. Paul G. Bell, representing Brig. Gen. L. F. Guerre, director of the Internal Security Division of the Eighth Service Command.

Most of the officers had attended the first Eighth Service Command State Guard School last year. But the new-comer officers and the non-coms, who populated Student Company D, didn't know that foot discomfort Monday night would far exceed that which caused them to shift in their hard theatre seats.



Major Bull, the popular, genial, energetic school commandant.



A company street like this and a tent in it was to be home for the seven days ahead. Students didn't miss marigolds at the door or honeysuckle at the windows. Most welcomed the chance to be rugged.





Camp Bullis in 1942 was a "permanent station," but in 1943 a "field camp." Last year's luxuries of a PX and restaurant open at all hours and a special service soda water truck following the student troops around were but memories this year. Consequently the boys guzzled gallons of chlorinated water that tasted almost like cold beer, since there was nothing else to drink.

## HEAT, SORE FEET and CENTIPEDES

KEPT LIFE FROM BECOM-  
ING DULL AS STUDENTS  
TRAINED AND STUDIED

Bullis weather is hot, but Bullis weather is versatile. It is not always blistering. For instance, during most of the second session it was delightfully cool—and wet. It rained incessantly for four days and nights, exacting Bullis' price for respite from heat.

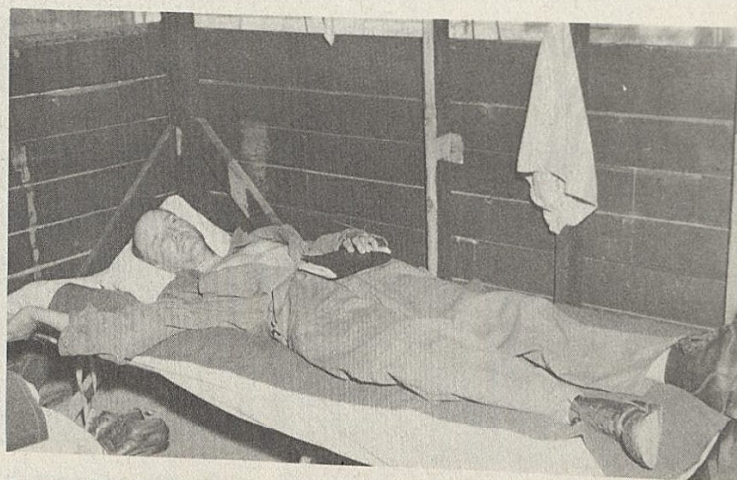
Surprises furnished variety for the school, too. One morning Lt. L. Baar, Co. A, 51st Bn., Dallas, jumped energetically out of his cot and into his coveralls. He jumped right in with a 7½-inch-long centipede. As he put it, "We both tried to get out of my pants at the same time and I won." Lieutenant Baar was bitten twice on the thigh and had to be hospitalized.

A pleasant surprise was the meeting of Major Bull, the school commandant, with Capt. William E. Crossland, S-1 7th Bn., Houston, who had been Major Bull's school commandant once. Major Bull was then, during World War I, a captain of a tank company in the United States Army, and Captain Crossland was a major in the British Army, and chief instructor at a tank school at Whareham, England.

Then Major Bull turned and looked in the opposite direction and saw Lt. Forrest C. Parker, 49th Bn., Dickinson, who was his top-kick in the last war.



Lieut. Baar points with a match stick to the centipede that got in his pants.



Sgt. E. L. Grimes, 41st Bn., Quanah, is caught by the camera expressing what everybody at camp thought the most about. These civilian-soldiers are tough—but up to a certain point.



Lovelier than Venus was the sight of orderlies bringing up ice.





These students boasted "all the comforts of home" in their tent, electric fan and radio included. Left to right: Capt. Charles B. Paul, El Paso; Lt. B. O. Goldthorn, Alice; Capt. J. C. Luther, San Antonio; Capt. Robert R. Mullen, Jr., Alice; and Capt. J. A. Harris, San Antonio.



Cooling off the dogs of Lt. Mark W. Higginbotham, 19th Bn., Dallas, with a fire extinguisher is Lt. C. L. Dickard, also of the 19th, after a day in field.



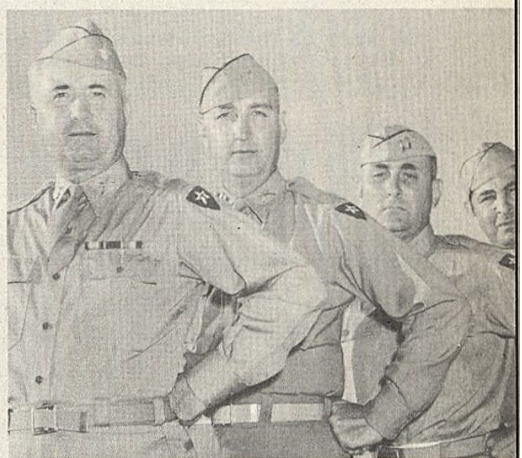
But it rained, too, as will testify (left to right) Lt. Albert E. Sell, Alamo; Lt. Lloyd W. Davis, McAllen; and Capt. Francis V. Wallace, Dumas. Muddy roads and demonstration areas during second session kept students busy trying to keep shoes clean.



Lt. E. P. Stuart, Medical Officer, 42nd Bn., Winnsboro, had to make a flying trip home for an emergency operation. School headquarters arranged for a CAP plane, and rushed Lieutenant Stuart to the airport in a GI car. He reached hospital in time.



This is a small war! Major Bull, Captain Crossland and Lieutenant Parker, who were buddies in the last show, meet after 25 years at Bullis school. Crossland was in British army.



Pretty but frowned on were the new shoulder patches, not yet ordered for use, here worn by Maj. M. H. Kennady, Capt. L. H. F. Painter, Capt. L. N. McNally, and Lt. G. T. Levitan, Ft. Worth.



The rigors of campaigning are never too rigorous to rule out the "ol' army game." The cot eliminated the discomfort of kneeling. But old soldiers can, and did, kneel.

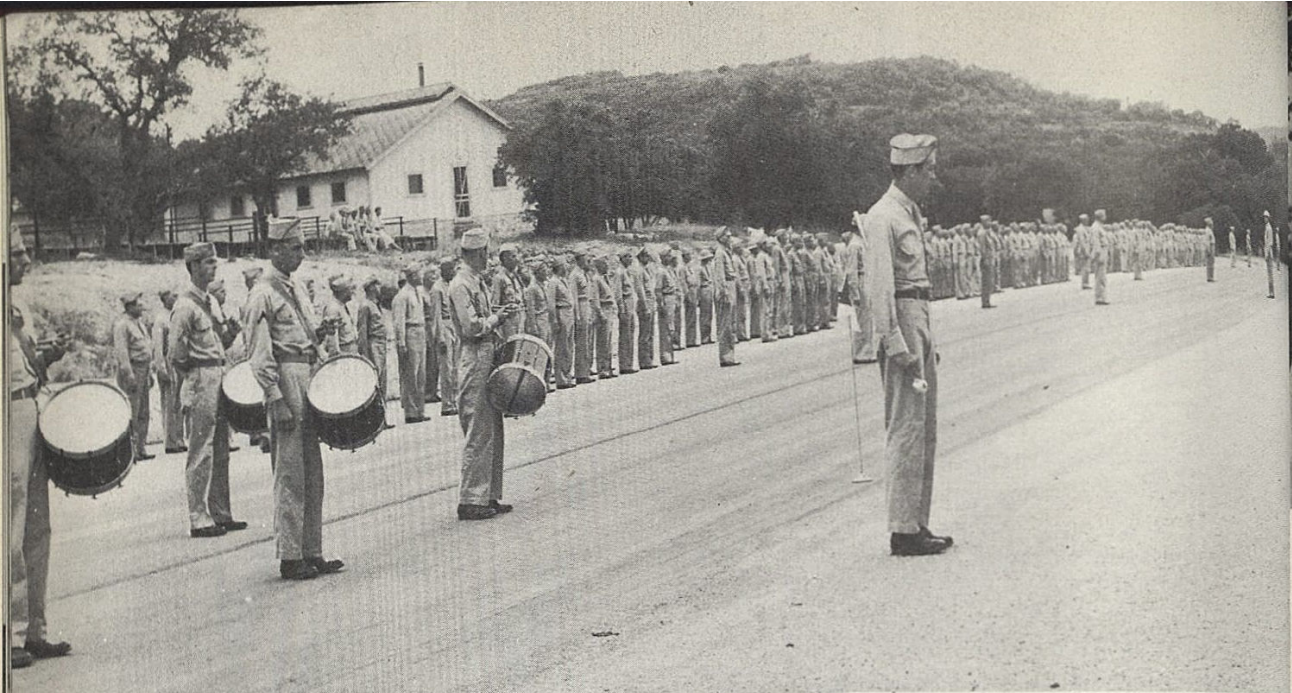


Sgt. Frank J. Hlavaty, 12th Bn., West, digs in a suitcase.



More foot ordnance. Left to right: Sgt. Emmett E. Lawhon and Sgt. William H. Kittles, both of Athens, and Sgt. Juan Riviera, of San Diego.





The student battalion on review at the first session of the school. The Guardsmen proved they could suck it in and turn out in A-1 spit and polish style. In the immediate foreground is the M.P. drum and bugle corps. Students' marching was snappy.

# PARADES

AND CEREMONIES ADDED  
MILITARY FORM TO THE  
SUBSTANCE AT BULLIS

Retreat every evening and a parade and review on Friday provided a pleasing note at the second annual Eighth Service Command State Guard school not present at the first. As Old Glory fluttered down the camp flagpole, and the drum and bugle corps sounded "To the Colors," and the students stood straight and fresh in clean khaki, the reason for all this sweating and toiling under the hot July sun at Bullis came into clear focus.

But the drum and bugle corps! It enlivened the sad hills of Bullis like nothing else! It kept the student bat-

talion in perfect cadence! It serenaded in the evenings! It was the life of the party!

The drum and bugle corps of the 726th M. P. Battalion is the only M. P. drum and bugle corps in the United States Army. It is the pet, and the pride and joy of Lt. Col. F. W. Staples, commanding the 726th. A Kentuckian, a Fort Benning graduate, a marksman, a National Guard officer for 30 years. Colonel Staples is also a lover of parades, and that explains his drum and bugle corps which is not provided for in the TO.

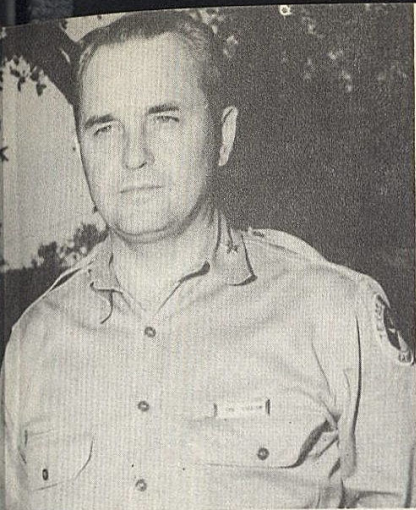


Colonel Staples, C. O. of the 726th M. P. Bn., whose drum and bugle corps was a welcome addition to the Bullis school.



The M.P. drum and bugle corps heads the line of march as the student battalion swings into camp from a demonstration area. The band consisted of eight snares, one bass and 12 bugles. Their favorite tune was "Three Years to Do It In," which every cadet came home humming. There were three tunes in the corps repertoire.





Lt. Col. A. H. Parham, a West Pointer, until June 30 a lieutenant-colonel of infantry in the U. S. Army, was commander of the provisional battalion. He is the latest addition to the TSG headquarters staff as assistant G-3.

Standing retreat in the company street was a ritual looked forward to by all students. But the coming of evening didn't mean liberty for the cadets. After chow it was "fall in" and hike it to the theatre for lectures and training films, followed by the staff clinics. Training at Bullis went around the clock, but the Guardsmen were there to train, and applied themselves diligently despite heat and fatigue. Regular army instructors praised students' spirit and zeal. Source of amazement to professionals is that Guardsmen do not get paid.

## GRENADETHROWING AFFORDED RELIEF FROM CLASSROOM STUDIES



A lecture on the nomenclature and characteristics of the Mills grenade preceded every course of instruction in its use. Then the students were ready for throwing grenades on the range.



First it was heaving the grenade from the standing position. Later they threw from the kneeling and prone positions. Regular army instructors coach the students.



Sgt. Joe Victor, Greenville, used to pitch for Dallas in Texas League.



Throwing from the kneeling position is hard on the back muscles, especially for Guardsmen who work in offices all day.



Hit the ground! Students learn the art of biting the dirt after a throw. Waistlines diminished appreciably after this activity.





Several varieties of sitting, squatting, and standing while listening to lectures and watching demonstrations are pictured above. Locations of lectures varied, too, to meet the demands of the subject. Sitting was welcome, however, after marching.

# ACTIVITIES

## CALLED FOR AS MUCH MENTAL AS PHYSICAL AGILITY

Good soldiering calls for an understanding through practice of numerous physical skills, but the Bullis students spent endless hours boning up on academic subjects, too. The three cardinals of good military teaching—expla-

nation, demonstration, and application—were respected in the curriculum. But many subjects did not lend themselves to application, especially when so much was to be crowded into such a short time.

Consequently the students sat in the theatre, on the chigger-infested grass, in the tick-inhabited brush, on rocks, and in some instances on cactus, listening to lectures or watching the competent demonstration troops show how it should be done.

Subjects ranged from firing a 60-mm mortar to sabotage of vital facilities, from sanitary installations in the field to terrain appreciation, from dismounted drill to chemical warfare. The stress

was on militia duties, and much was given over to fifth column possibilities in the Eighth Service Command, methods of dispersing disorderly street gatherings, employment of chemicals in domestic disturbances, and related departments.

Extra-curricular activities were few. Most of the time spent in the curio shops of quaint San Antonio had to be spent on the week-ends before or after the school. Some fortunate students had a chance to take a dip in Bullis' excellent swimming pool, but not many. Taps at 2200 and lights out at 2300 made poker and crap-shooting inconvenient, except when the moon was full.

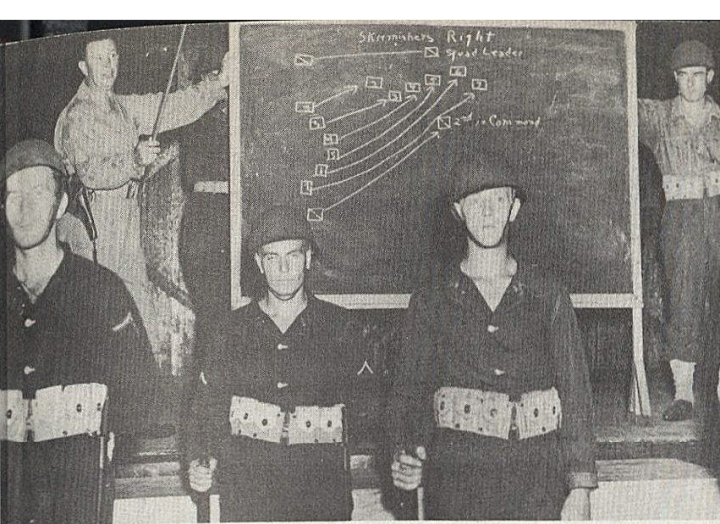


Every soldier must know his weapons, and the Guardsmen spent time on the range with the Thompson sub-machine gun. Here is the firing line as hot lead spat from the muzzles of these deadly automatics. Instruction in assembling guns preceded the firing.

Lt. F. A. Keyword, range officer, cautioned the students to "point your weapons down - range."

Examining their targets after. As the holes indicate, it would have been healthy to stand in sights of the Guardsmen's





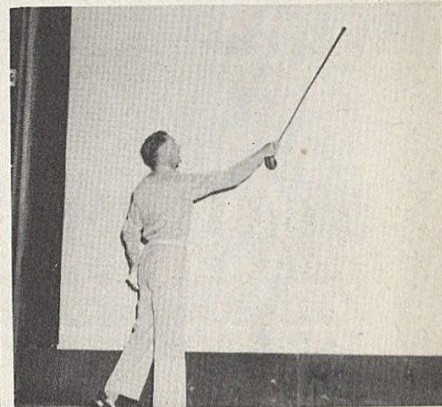
When it rained and wouldn't stop, the demonstration of extended order formations moved into the theatre. Above, Lt. A. E. Sheron (CMP), lectures on the subject with the aid of a blackboard while part of the demonstration squad stands in the foreground.



Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason of the adjutant general's department held his audience's attention with his concise, informative report on the incident at Beaumont. A lively question - answer session followed.



It was hot in the sun, but don't think it was cool indoors. In the theatre students sweltered while instructors talked. The water bag outside the theatre, and the soda water tent—set up later—were the center of attraction during intermissions. The Camp Bullis theatre is equipped with a big-time motion picture projection booth.



Capt. W. R. Weightman, commanding Co. B, 726th M. P. Bn., charmed his audience with his wit and golf club pointer.



Pvt. E. F. Shiffman, CMP, coaches Sgt. R. H. Fennell, 18th Bn., Beaumont (left) and Sgt. Raymond H. Biggs, 21st Bn., Sinton, in use of their tommy-guns.



A general view of the firing line, with the hills of West Texas on the horizon. Guardsmen enjoyed range activities. They pride themselves on their marksmanship, and practice constantly on home ranges. Tommy-gun is important Guard gun.

Guardsmen fired single-shot, and with short bursts and long bursts.





The MP's move in on the "mob" simulated by the students. There was some horse-play by the students until they realized the regulars intended to demonstrate that "it could be done." Then they "fell back to more favorable positions." Cold steel and gas were used in the demonstration.

At top above is the sign that welcomes the visitor to Branntown. Below, Brig. Gen. Archer E. Lerch, assistant provost marshal general, USA, speaks to the students at the second session.

## BRANNTOWN WAS A HIGH-SPOT OF THE SCHOOL

Because Guardsmen are concentrating their attention on control of civil disorders, the demonstration at Branntown was of outstanding interest to the cadets. But Branntown is something to see, too.

Built by army engineers about a year ago, Branntown is a model "ghost" town, constructed for the purpose of training troops in commando and street fighting. The army engineers really had a time when they built Branntown. They turned out an architect's nightmare, with Egyptian, Moorish and

Texas-Mexican schools of design running rampant together. Then they painted many of the frame buildings to resemble stone, and they topped off the job with "foreign-language" signs that are classics of double-talk.

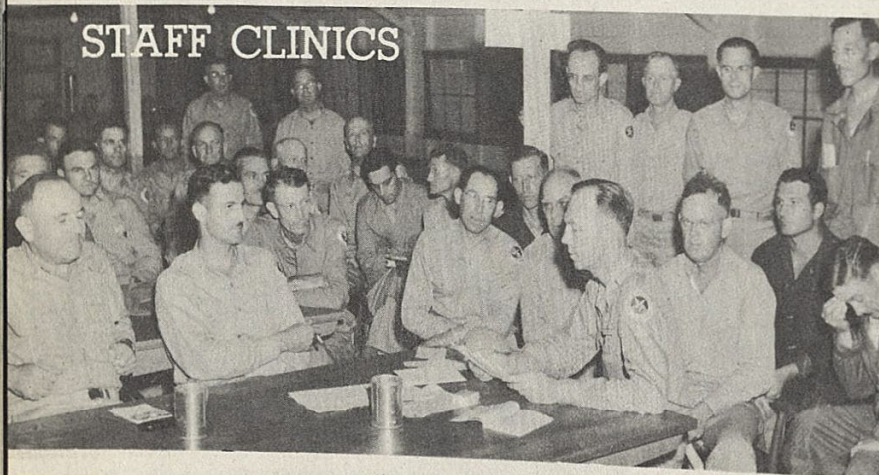
Branntown is riddled with bullet-holes, fired at its moving targets that bob in and out of windows. Its streets and paths are strewn with barbed wire from previous mock engagements.

For the Guard students, Company B, 726th M. P. Battalion, stormed the

village to show the proper technique for routing "25 escaped Axis prisoners of war who had taken refuge there." Then they demonstrated street-sweeping, using fixed bayonets and tear gas grenades and pots, with the students simulating the "mob set on lynching a prisoner."

It was a neat demonstration. The "mob" really dispersed, and the Guardsmen got the feel of being on the other side of the fence. Captain Weightman ably narrated the action from a public address car.

## STAFF CLINICS



A successful innovation at the second annual Eighth Service Command State Guard School was the "staff clinic." Here Maj. Donald W. Peacock, adjutant general's department, reading paper, conducts the clinic for S-2's. Many interesting problems were discussed during these "open forums."

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Lt. Col. George Thomas, G-3 TS, seated at extreme

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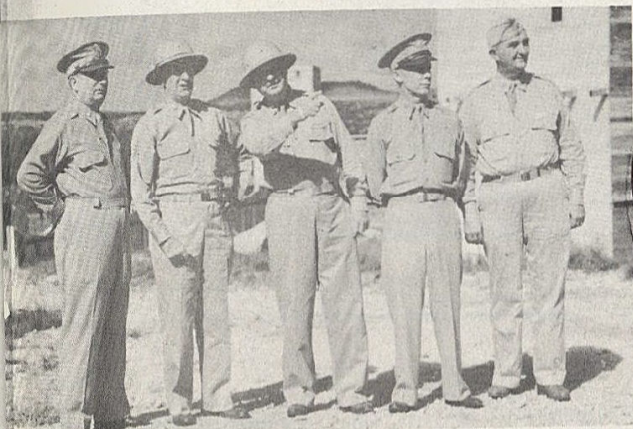




Then the tear gas rolled in, and the students realized that discretion is the better part of valor. Coughing and crying, sputtering and spitting, they fled before its deceptively sweet odor.



The quaint spires and domes of Branttown's churches and mosques rise above the students and MP's milling about in the foreground. Branttown is all frame construction, but clever painting makes some buildings appear to be stone. Streets and buildings have names and signs in double-talk.



Viewing the Branttown demonstration at the second session of the school are, left to right, General Lerch, Colonel de Armond, Colonel Banister, Colonel Parmlee, General Lerch's chief of staff; and Major Bull, the school commandant.



Somewhat out of breath, the column of students halts at the top of the steep and rocky road leading to Branttown. They marched part of the way, but were hauled most of the several miles from camp in bouncing army transportation.

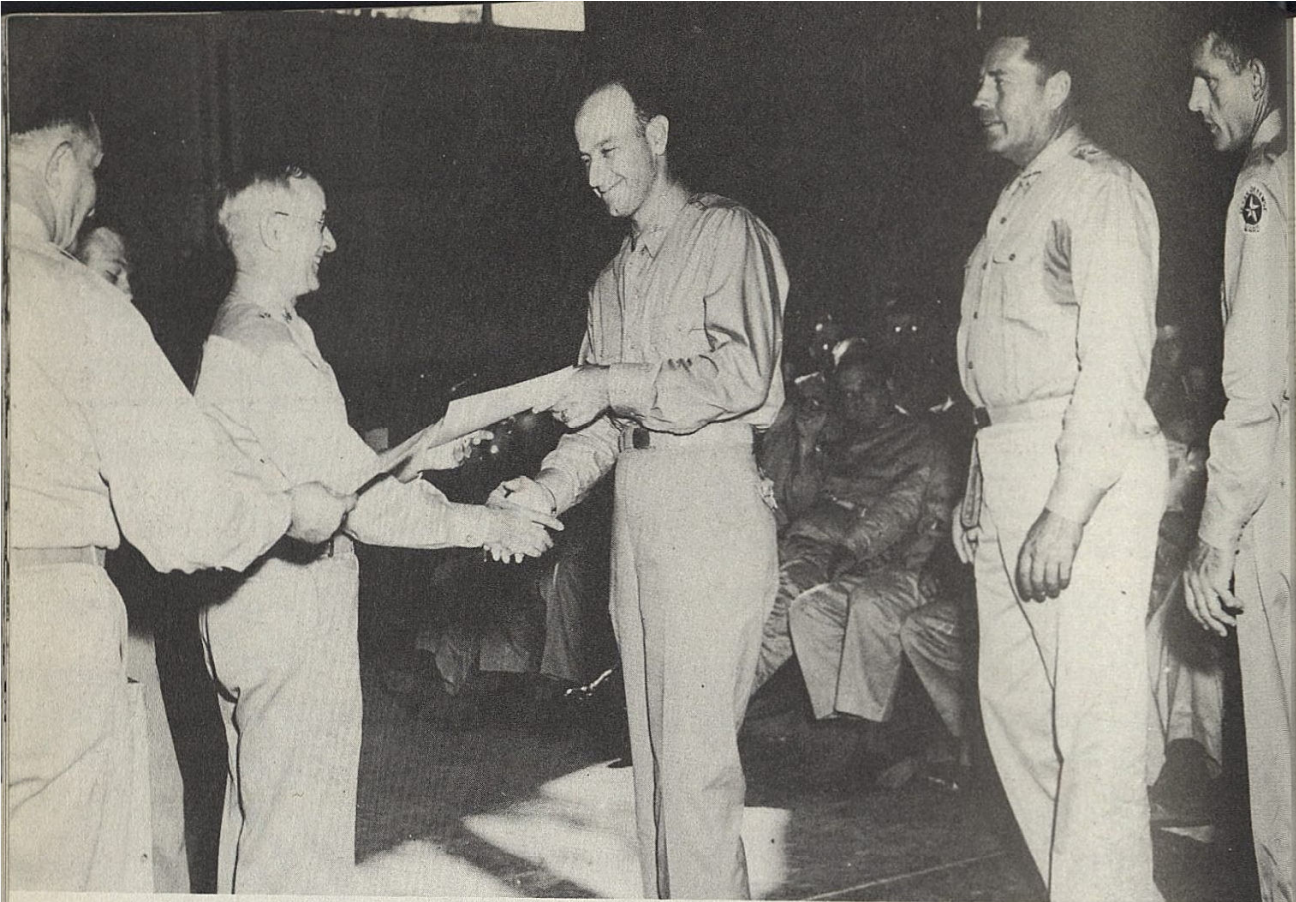


right, leads discussion at S-3 clinic, with S-4's listening in. An AGD officer was present at every clinic to provide assistance.



Maj. Thomas Gahagan, AGD, at the head of the table, guides the talk at the S-1 clinic. There were also clinics for battalion commanders, medical officers and chaplains. Clinics were held nightly in mess halls and were well attended.





Receiving his diploma from Colonel de Armond at the first session is Lt. Samuel P. Doughty, 28th Bn., Corpus Christi, while waiting their turn at right are Lt. Edward V. Erxleben, 28th Bn., Ingleside, and Capt. Daniel Wood, 26th Bn., Raymondville. Major Bull stands to the right of the colonel. Graduation provided pleasant note. Last year diplomas were given in streets.

## GRADUATION DAY MARKED THE END OF A PLEASANT AND PROFITABLE TRAINING PERIOD FOR TEXAS GUARDSMEN

With a sense of accomplishment in the hard week behind them, students strode proudly to the stage of the theatre to receive a handshake and diploma from gracious Col. George W. de Armond. It was a great day at every session. The diploma symbolized the new valuable knowledge every Guard officer was prepared to take home to his troops. Colonel de Armond addressed the graduates, thanking them for the time taken away from their homes and work,

in many instances costing them substantially more than the expense of travel to and from camp.

The graduation exercises formally closed the school. After that it was pack up, check out, and get for home. By noon Saturday, Camp Bullis had the same forsaken appearance that had greeted early arrivals the Sunday before, and would greet the new arrivals the following morning.



Colonel de Armond gave the grads an inspiring and witty graduation speech.



Final examinations Saturday morning preceded the graduation exercises. Here are students of Provisional Company D, composed of non-commissioned officers who attended the school.



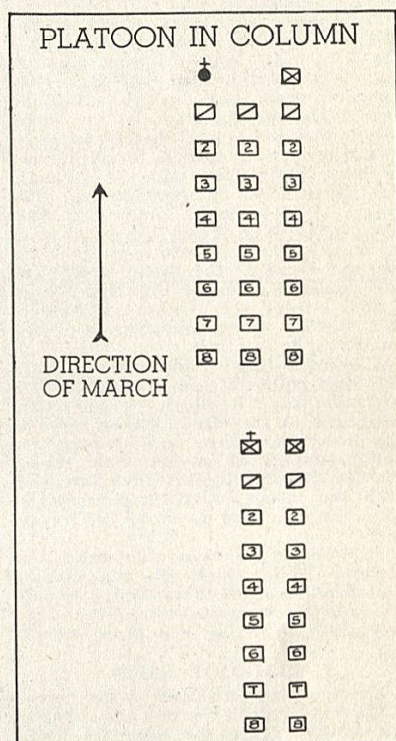
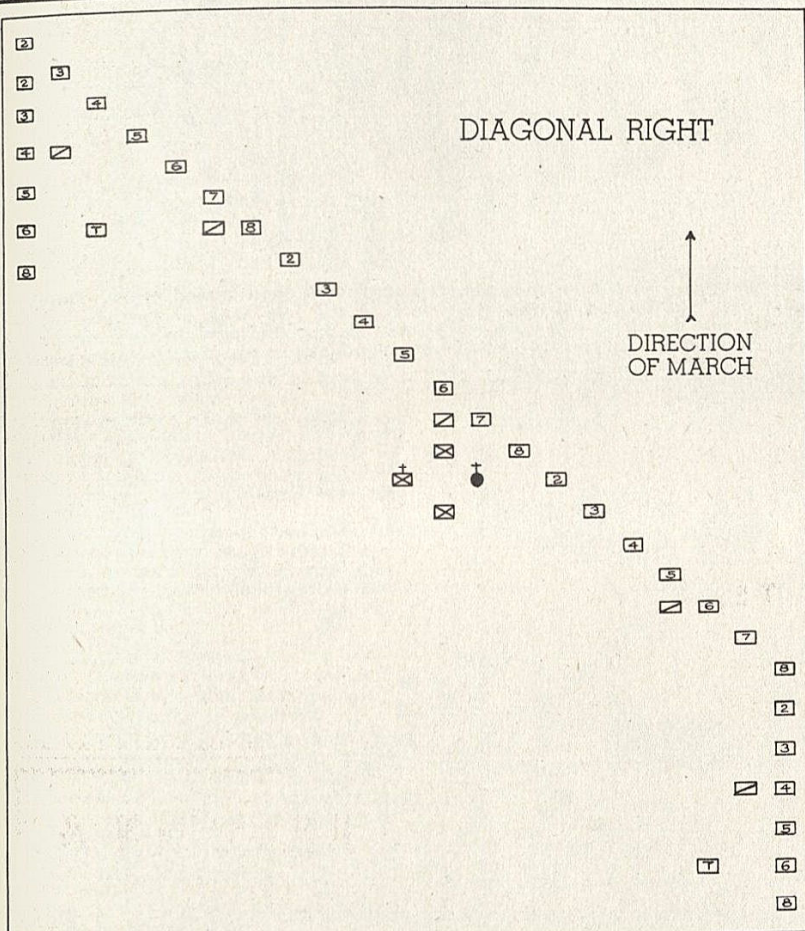
All over but the shouting—and they're shouting now! Proud graduates express their appreciation for the school as they are told that they can go home now. Turning in gear was last act.



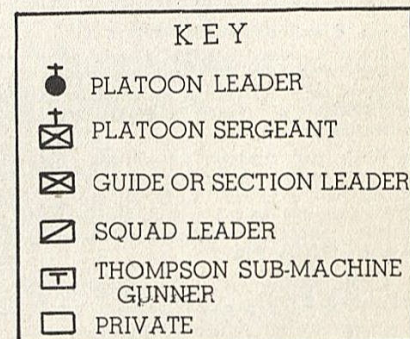
# RIOT FORMATIONS

AS DEMONSTRATED BY COMPANY B, 726TH M. P. BN. (ZI), AT THE EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND STATE GUARD SCHOOL, CAMP BULLIS, TEXAS, DURING JULY, 1943

The riot formations presented here have never been published before. They are original developments by Company B from formations worked out at Fort Custer, Fort Oglethorpe and other M.P. schools and conferences. They represent the latest and most efficient methods, and are recommended as standard procedure for Texas State Guard units.



The directions given in this text for forming riot formations contemplate the formations to be formed from the Platoon In Column, diagrammed above, unless otherwise noted.



The PLATOON (two Sections — RIFLE and SHOTGUN) of FIVE SQUADS in COLUMN FORMATION (THREE SQUADS in the RIFLE SECTION—TWO SQUADS in the SHOTGUN SECTION) and at RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS.

## DIAGONAL RIGHT

Used to Force a Crowd to the Right

Upon the preparatory command — FORM DIAGONAL RIGHT—each member of the platoon armed with either the rifle or shotgun will execute the position HIGH PORT.

**EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, RIFLE SECTION:** Upon the command of execution—MARCH—the third (or left) squad leader will proceed to the direct front 20 paces and take up the half-step. The remainder of the squad upon the command of execution, will oblique to their right and then to their left so as to place themselves one pace to the rear and one pace to the right of the man in front and

upon reaching their respective positions in the diagonal take up the half-step. The squad leader will then take up a position one pace to the rear and in the center of his squad to ascertain the squad's proper position in the diagonal and to pass on to members of his squad any order that he may receive from the platoon leader.

The second (or center) squad of this section upon the command—MARCH—will oblique to the right six paces then oblique to the left, each man obliquing into a position one pace to the rear and one pace to the right of the man in front and upon reaching their respective positions in the diagonal, take up the half-step. This squad leader places himself as did the squad leader of the third squad.

The first (or right) squad of the rifle section, upon the command of execution—MARCH—will execute a flank movement to the right eight paces, then each man of the squad will oblique to the left so as to place himself one pace to

the rear and one pace to the right of the man in front and upon reaching their respective positions in the diagonal take up the half-step. This squad leader places himself as did the other two squad leaders.

**EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, SHOTGUN SECTION:**

Upon the command—MARCH—the second (or left) squad will proceed to the direct front, in column, and upon



reaching the forward point of the diagonal, take up the half-step. The squad leader will then place himself one pace to the right and center of his squad (his duties being the same as those squad leaders of the Rifle Section). The Thompson Sub-Machine Gunner, the seventh man in the squad, will, upon the squad reaching its position, step to his right, so as to place himself within the formation, his duties being to watch the upper windows and roof-tops of the buildings on his right for any person intent upon doing bodily harm to the soldiers in the formation on the street below. The remainder of the squad will close up to within normal distance of the man in front.

The first (or right) squad of the Shotgun Section, upon the command—MARCH—will execute a movement to the right oblique until reaching a line with the rear point of the diagonal, then upon the command of the squad leader execute—FORWARD—MARCH—and proceed in column formation and full step to the rear point of the diagonal, then take up the half-step. The squad leader and Thompson Sub-Machine Gunner of this squad will move to their left so as to take up their duties the same as the squad leader and the Machine Gunner of the second squad, except the machine gunner of this squad is responsible for those buildings on his left.

These flanking squads on the forward and rear points of the diagonal are responsible for all alleyways and other entrances to the street, where some of the crowd may have taken refuge, are not permitted to re-enter the street, thereby getting behind the formation with the intent to attack the soldiers from the rear and break up the formation.

In addition to their other duties the platoon leader and all non-commissioned officers are at all times responsible for the rear protection of the above described formation and those following.

#### DIAGONAL LEFT

Used to Force a Crowd to the Left

For explanation, reverse the order of the squads given for Diagonal Right (both Rifle and Shotgun) i.e., the first squad (or right squad) of the rifle section will do the movements of the third (or left) squad of the rifle section, only all movements to the right are to be changed to the left and any movement to the left is to be changed to the right.

#### PLATOON WEDGE NO. 1

Used to make a slight penetration into a crowd to reach an objective; or to divide a crowd; or to disperse a crowd through two routes of escape.

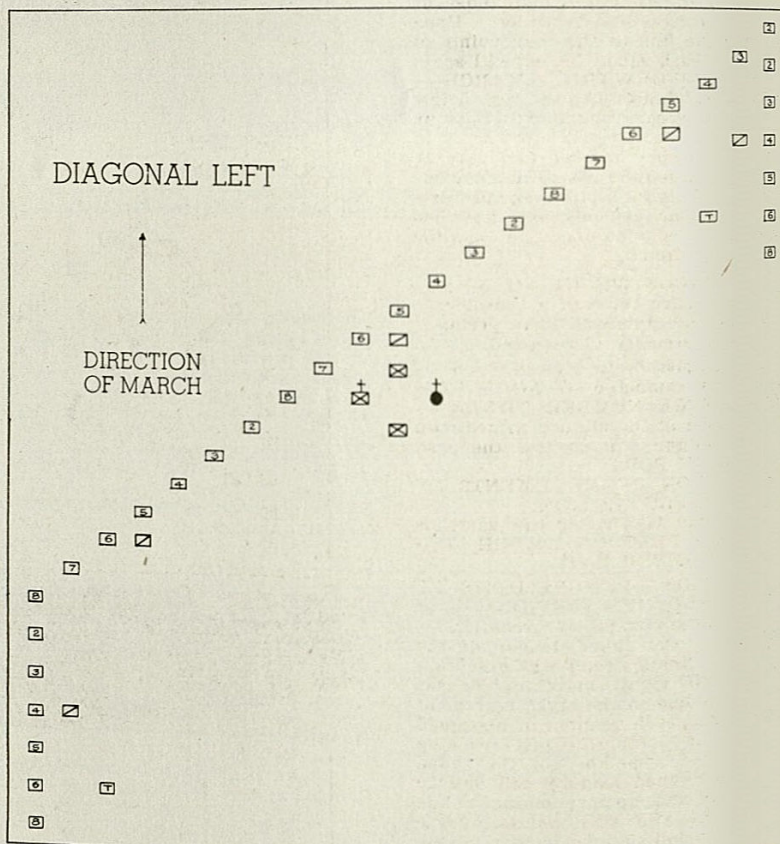
With the platoon in column upon the preparatory command—FORM PLATOON WEDGE NUMBER ONE—every member of the platoon armed with rifle or shotgun will assume the position of HIGH PORT.

#### EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, RIFLE SECTION:

Upon the command of execution—MARCH—the second (or center) squad will proceed to the direct front eight paces, whereupon the squad leader will command—FORM FOR SQUAD WEDGE—MARCH. Upon receipt of that command the first private of the squad will take up the half-step. (The squad leader will take up a position two paces to the rear of this first private or point, as he may be referred to later.) The remainder of this squad will move to their oblique (even numbers to the right, odd numbers to the left) so as to



The Diagonal Left formation is pictured above and diagrammed below. The diagonal does not form a straight line because the left flank of the platoon was moving into position as the photograph was made. Photographs used were made at Camp Bullis, with Lt. C. S. Pressman in command of the demonstration platoon.



place themselves one pace to the rear and one pace to the right (or left) of the man in front and take up the half-step upon reaching their positions in the wedge.

The first (or right) squad upon the command—MARCH—will oblique to the right eight paces to a position on line with the right side of the wedge, then each man in the squad will oblique to the left so as to place himself one pace to the rear and one pace

to the right of the man in front, then take up the half-step. (The squad leader will take up a position one pace to the rear and in the center of his squad.)

The third (or left) squad upon the command—MARCH—will oblique to the left eight paces to a position on line with the left side of the wedge, then each man in the squad will oblique to the right so as to place himself one pace to the rear and one pace to the left of the man in front, then take up the



half-step. (The squad leader will take up a position one pace to the rear and in the center of his squad.)

#### EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, SHOTGUN SECTION:

The shotgun section will proceed in column formation to a position six or eight paces to the rear of the point and take up the half-step.

#### PLATOON WEDGE NO. 2

Used to move a considerable distance into a crowd, or along a street, with flanks protected.

With the platoon in column, upon the preparatory command — FORM PLATOON WEDGE NUMBER TWO — each member of the platoon armed with rifle or shotgun will assume the position of HIGH PORT.

#### EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, RIFLE SECTION:

The wedge is formed the same as outlined for PLATOON WEDGE FORMATION NUMBER ONE.

#### EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, SHOTGUN SECTION:

When the preparatory command is received each squad leader of the two squads will give another preparatory command. The second (or right) squad leader will command — RIGHT OBLIQUE — and the first (or left) squad leader will command — LEFT OBLIQUE — and upon the command of execution — MARCH — each squad will step out in the direction commanded by their respective squad leader. Upon reaching the line to the rear points of the wedge each squad leader will again command — FORWARD — MARCH — and upon catching up to the rear points of the wedge each squad will take up the half-step.

Platoon wedge number two may be formed from platoon wedge number one with the shotgun section squads executing the same movements as described for platoon wedge number two from the platoon in column.

#### PLATOON WEDGE NO. 3

Used to move through a crowd of considerable numbers when perimeter security is required.

With the platoon in column, upon the preparatory command — FORM PLATOON WEDGE NUMBER THREE — each member of the platoon armed with rifle or shotgun will assume the position of HIGH PORT.

#### EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, RIFLE SECTION:

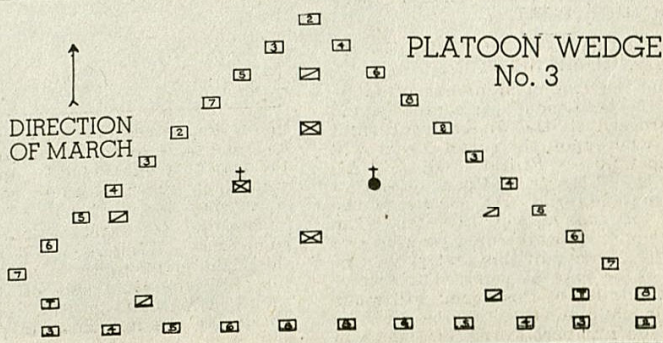
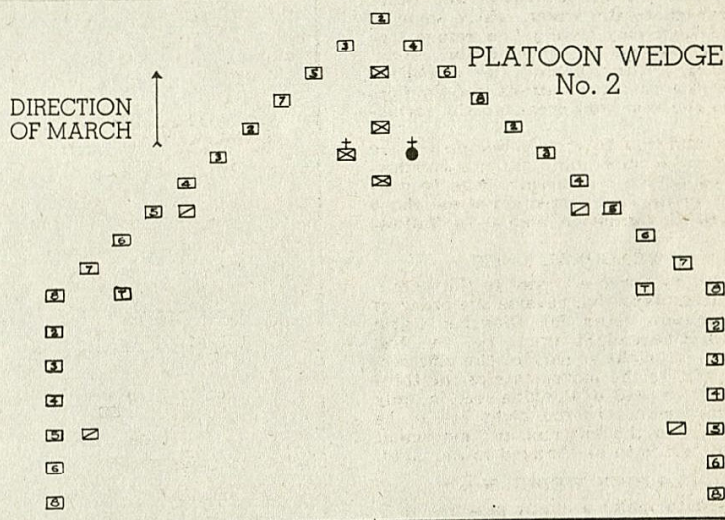
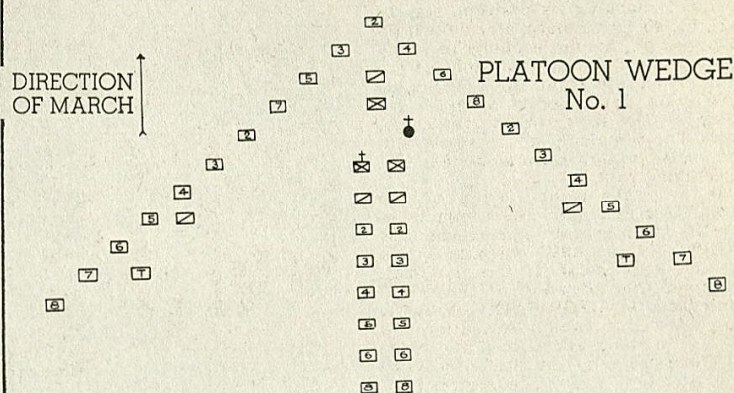
The wedge is formed the same as outlined for PLATOON WEDGE FORMATION NUMBER ONE.

#### EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY SQUADS, SHOTGUN SECTION:

Upon the command of execution — MARCH — the squad leader of the second (or right) squad will execute a column half right, marching in the most direct line to the right rear point of the wedge, each member of his squad to follow in column. Upon reaching this point each member of the squad (except the squad leader) will oblique to the left and upon reaching a line between the two rear points of the wedge each individual member of the squad will pivot to the right and rear and continue marching backwards in the direction being taken by the wedge.

The first (or left) squad leader will execute a column half left, marching in the most direct line to the left rear point of the wedge, each member of his squad to follow in column. Upon reaching this point each member of the squad (except the squad leader) will oblique to the right and upon reaching a line between the two rear points of the

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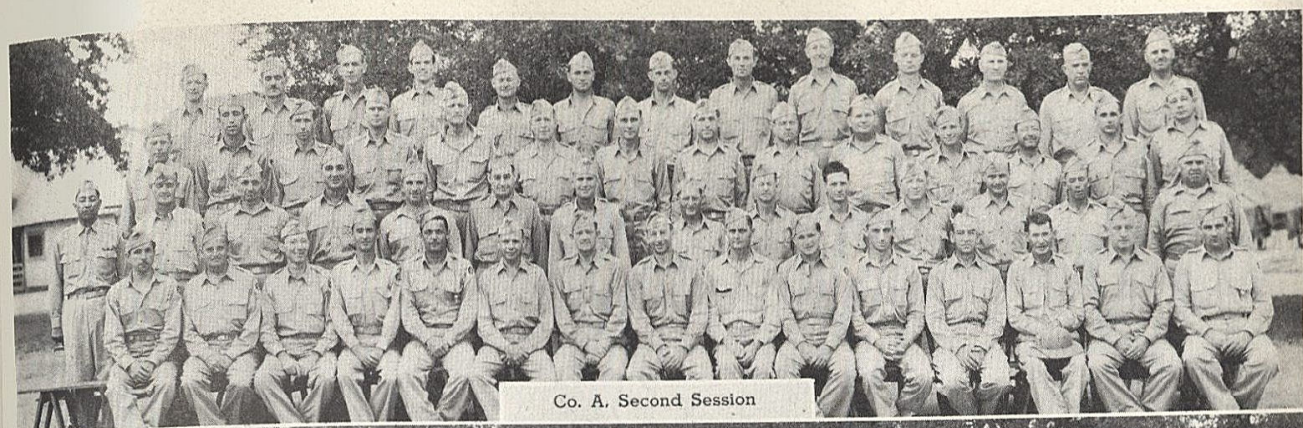


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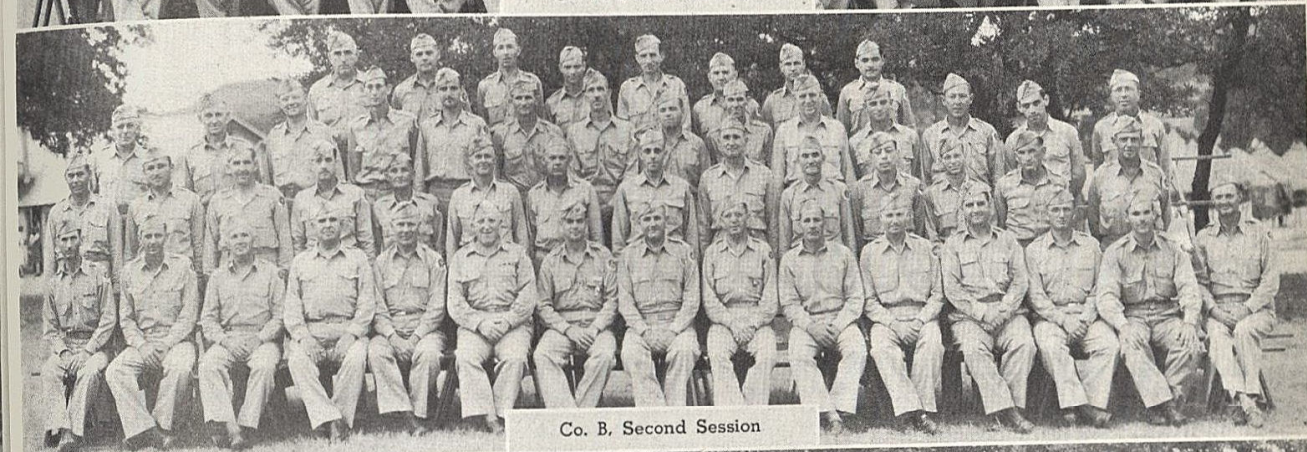


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## This Month's FRONT COVER



Most expressive of the scores of photos made at Camp Bullis is the one on this month's front cover, showing four weary, heat-haunted students undressing in their tent for a shower. They are in the same fish-eyed trance almost everyone found himself at the end of a day. Pulling off his shoe is Capt. Lester Callaway, Houston; hanging up his shirt is Maj. Ray Haggard, Houston; shoving a cigar in his mouth is Capt. Hobart Huson, Refugio; and peeling off his coveralls is Lt. Jerome C. Cates, Beeville.

### OUR AIMS

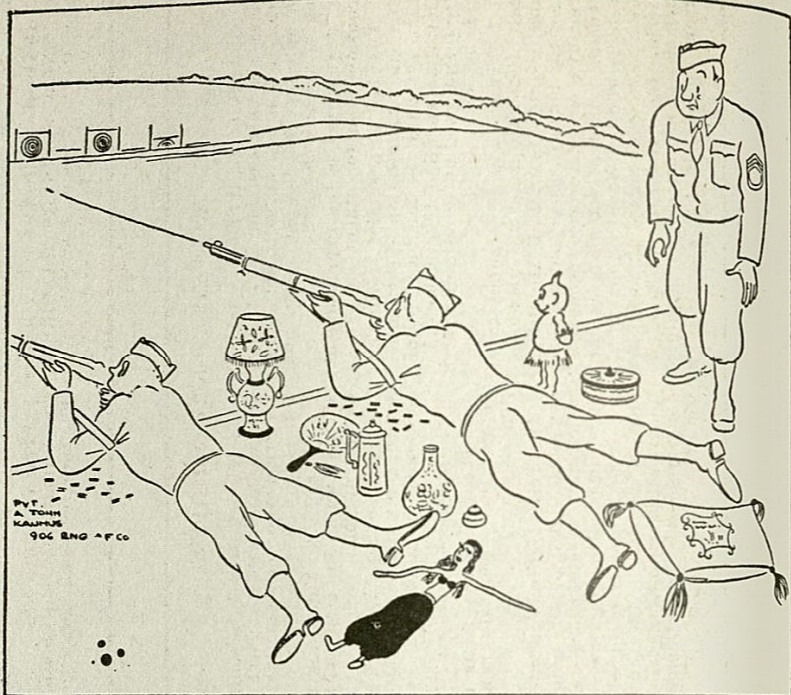
1. Adequate equipment for proper training and performance of duties.
2. Legal protection for Guardsmen in case of injury or other losses occurring in the course of training or the performance of duties.
3. Adequate funds to be appropriated by the Texas legislature to finance the proper operation of the Guard.

## THANKS

Every man in the Texas State Guard should feel very indebted to Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan and the Eighth Service Command for providing the school at Camp Bullis. The valuable lessons taught at the Eighth Service Command State Guard School will be passed on to the ranks by the officers and non-coms who trained there. The result will be improved instruction and command for the individual Guardsman at home and, consequently, a strengthening of the skills and efficiency of all units.

As Governor Stevenson expressed it when he spoke at the opening of the final session of the school: "We are very fortunate to have General Donovan at the head of the Eighth Service Command." A busy man, General Donovan found the time to address the students at the school this year, as he did last year. General Donovan's interest in the Texas State Guard has been personal, active and constant.

And his interest is not confined to a once-a-year school. It is reflected throughout his command in the cordial and helpful assistance Eighth Service Command personnel are always eager to give Guard units, throughout the year.



—From the Missouri State Guardsman.

To Maj. Edgar L. Bull, the school commandant, and to his chief, Col. George W. de Armond, who commands District No. 1 of the Internal Security Division of the Eighth Service Command, gratitude is due and warmly given by every student. Major Bull's hard work, his understanding of Texas State Guard problems and aspirations, and his almost unparalleled willingness to cooperate to the limit combined to make the school run smoothly under difficult conditions and to make it lastingly beneficial.

Colonel de Armond's unrelaxing graciousness and sincere friendliness contributed enormously to the reservist's sense of dignity and importance which is a tender spot with almost every Guardsman. Indeed, he made every student feel that above and beyond the training he received at Bullis, he was well rewarded for the time and effort expended in attending the school.

But what can be said of Colonel de Armond and Major Bull can be said of every officer who was assigned to the school. Again, quoting Governor Stevenson: "General Donovan always gives the best at his disposal to the Texas State Guard, and you can be sure that, in this school, he has again provided you with the best at his command." No Bullis graduate would dispute that.

There is but one way, however, that we can show our appreciation to the Eighth Service Command for the energy, time, materials and talent contributed to our training, and that is by vindicating in full the trust in us which General Donovan has professed. The general said at the opening session of the Bullis school: "I have great confidence in the Texas State Guard." To justify his confidence, we must maintain the high degree of effectiveness he has ascribed to us; and in order to do this, we must intensify our training activities, achieving mastery of the basic techniques taught at the State Guard School.



## THE ADJUTANT *Speaks*

There has been much said, and all of it well said and well deserved, about the fine job turned out by the T. S. G. units during the trouble at Beaumont. There is not much that I can add, because I was not there and all that I have heard and read has been given to you, too. Suffice it to say that it is one of the outstanding examples of efficiency and effectiveness of State Military forces anywhere.

There is usually little public acclaim given to the men of the Guard for all of the unnoticed, prosaic, but hard and tedious work which goes on day after day and week after week in the normal training routine of the various units. There is not much said of the nights and week-ends which these men miss from the pleasure and comforts of their home and family; of the social functions of fraternal and civic organizations which they forego in order to prepare themselves to meet emergencies which they hope and pray will never come. The very nature of the organization, being a military one, greatly limits the publicity possibilities. The greatest pleasure, therefore, that can come to a soldier in the State Guard is that which he derives from the knowledge of accomplishment—of a job well done. After all, that is the ultimate of satisfaction, and well worth all our best effort.

When this column was written for the July issue, the trouble at Beaumont had not taken place. In it there appeared these words: "There is a Home Front to protect.—Just as sure as the Texas State Guard becomes lax in its training or lessens its own effectiveness, then will be the time in a thousand that

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## QUESTIONS

1. State the position of "Attention."
2. Assume that you are on the march. At Ease. The command Fall Out is given. State your position upon resumption of Fall In.
3. Is a soldier permitted to talk in ranks while at ease?
4. Explain the position of the hands at Parade Rest.
5. Briefly state the instructions a soldier should receive in regard to the execution of About Face.
6. Name the steps that are NOT executed at Attention.
7. Being at the double time, how does a soldier resume the cadence of quick time?
8. Briefly explain the difference in the execution of the Halt in quick time and in double time.
9. Which foot is on the ground when the command By the Right Flank is given?
10. Underline the requirement a soldier must maintain when on the march At Ease: — SILENCE. — ATTENTION — SILENCE.

CORRECT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER "GUARDSMAN"

READING ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:  
NEW SOLDIERS HANDBOOK, The Infantry Journal, Washington, D. C.: Sections I and II. Pp. 81-90. Infantry Drill Regulations FM 22-5: Chap. 2, FM 7-5 Section IV.

## ANSWERS TO JULY QUESTIONS

1. Lack of discipline in a soldier may not only cost him his life and the lives of his comrades, but cause a military undertaking to fail and an army may be defeated.
2. Courtesy is the expression of consideration for others.
3. Pride of a soldier in himself and his organization. Convinced that his outfit is the best in the Battalion and that the responsibility for its good name rests on every member of it.
4. Vehicle will be brought to a halt. Persons inside will dismount and salute (stand at attention; face the music). Other than passenger cars or motorcycle occupants remain seated at attention in the vehicle, the individual in charge of each vehicle dismounting and rendering the hand salute. Tank or armored car commanders salute from the vehicle.
5. While posted as a sentinel, if you are talking to an officer do not interrupt your conversation to salute.
6. Respect for your rank and he should walk in step with and abreast of you.
7. Remove my cap but I do not salute. Continue on my way unless addressed by the officer.
8. No. That custom is outmoded.
9. The flag of the Texas Republic; in other words, the Lone Star Flag.
10. Texas State Guard custom demands that you do. However, many unit Commanders have set their own custom in this respect and it is customary in some battalions to dispense with the salute under these circumstances. Why don't you ask your Commanding Officer?

FOLD ALONG THIS LINE

# Home Study Course

## FOR TEXAS GUARDSMEN

### LESSON NO. 2: Dismounted Drill

#### A. SCHOOLING THE SOLDIER WITHOUT ARMS.

1. The duties of the instructor are:

- a. He briefly explains each position and movement and demonstrates.
  - b. Requires the recruits to take proper positions, touching them only when they cannot correct themselves.
  - c. He avoids keeping them too long in one position or in one movement.
  - d. To know that each movement is understood, before passing to the next.
- The recruits are divided into small groups for individual instruction, each group formed as a squad under a competent instructor. As instruction progresses they are re-grouped according to proficiency, the least proficient placed under the best instructors. Inexperienced men must not be subjected to ridicule or harsh treatment. Instructors must be patient, helpful and courteous.

#### 2. Positions:

- a. Attention — Place your heels together on the same line. Allow your feet to turn out equally, forming an angle of 45 degrees with each other. Keep your knees straight but without stiffness. Draw your hips up under your body slightly. Keep your chest up and your shoulders back. Do not allow one shoulder to be higher than the other. Keep your arms straight without stiffness, and hanging at your sides, in such a way that your thumbs are always along the seams of your trousers. Turn both the backs of your hands out, away from your body, and allow your hands and fingers to cup naturally. Always keep your head and eyes straight to the front. When standing properly the weight of your body will be divided equally between the heels and balls of both feet. When assuming the position of attention, bring your heels together smartly and audibly. (See Figure 1.)

#### 3. Rests:

- a. Fall Out — At the command Fall Out you may leave your position in ranks but must remain in the immediate vicinity. At the command Fall In, resume your position in ranks at

Attention. When on the march you fall in At Ease unless you were at Attention when the command Fall Out was given.

b. Rest — One foot must be kept in place in ranks. You may move around and talk.

c. At Ease — You are authorized to move around but must keep your right foot in place in ranks. Silence is always maintained while At Ease.

d. Parade Rest — At the command of 1. Parade, 2. Rest, move your left foot smartly 12 inches to the left of your right foot. Keep your knees straight without stiffness, and permit the weight of your body to rest equally on both feet. At the same time clasp your hands behind your back, palms to the rear, the thumb and fingers of your right hand clasping your left thumb. You are required to maintain both silence and immobility. (See Figure 2.)

e. Eyes Right or Left — At the command Eyes Right or Eyes Left turn your head and eyes to the right or left, according to the command. At the command Front, turn your head and eyes to the front. (See Figure 3.)

f. Marches — All marches are executed from the halt and in the cadence of quick time. At the command 1. Right, 2. FACE, slightly raise your left heel and your right toe; turn 90° to the right, using your right heel as a pivot. Push slightly with the ball of your left foot. Hold your left leg straight without stiffness. The second part of this movement consists in placing your left foot alongside your right and assuming the position of attention. At the command 1. Left, 2. FACE, execute the above movement in a corresponding manner to the left and on your left heel. At the command 1. About, 2. FACE, place the toe of your right foot a half-foot length in the rear and slightly to the left of your left heel. Do not move your left foot. Keep the weight of your body mainly on your left heel. Keep your right leg straight without



Smartness in bearing and movement distinguishes the seasoned soldier. When wearing your Texas State Guard uniform remember this, and reflect credit on your organization.

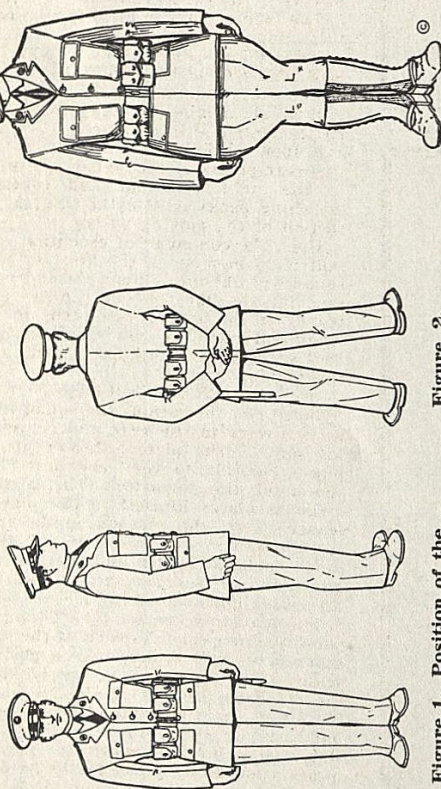


Figure 1. Position of the Soldier, or ATTENTION.

Figure 2. PARADE REST.

Figure 3. Position of EYES RIGHT.

Bring Left foot to this position at count TWO

Bring Right foot to this position at count of ONE

Final Position

This is the second lesson in THE GUARDSMAN'S "Home Study Course." Be sure to remove it from the magazine and place it in your standard 9x6-inch ring binder. As the lessons progress they will become more advanced, and in time you will acquire a valuable military reference book. Answer the questions at the end of the lesson, and grade yourself on last month's questions. Each question counts 10.

If command HALT is given when this (Left) foot strikes the ground

Position of feet at command Halt

Right foot here

Figure 4. Diagram Showing How HALT Is Executed.

stiffness. The second part of this movement consists in turning your body 180° to the right on your left heel and the ball of your right foot. Now place your right heel beside your left. If this movement has been executed properly your heels come together on the same line without the necessity of moving either foot forward or backward.

4. Steps and Marchings — All steps and marchings that are executed from the halt, except right step, begin with the left foot. All steps are executed at attention except: 1. Route step. 2. MARCH, and 1. At Ease, 2. MARCH.

At the command 1. Forward, 2. MARCH (Quick Time), step off smartly with your left foot and continue to march with 30-inch steps straight to the front, at the rate of 120 steps per minute. Swing your arms easily and in their natural arcs, 6 inches to the front and 3 inches to the rear of your body. The double time is performed by taking 180 steps, 36 inches each, per minute. In this cadence you raise your forearm to a horizontal position at your side, with knuckles out, and allow your arms to swing naturally. Remember to keep your forearms horizontal along your waistline. Being at the double time, to resume the cadence of quick time the commands are: 1. Quick Time, 2. MARCH. You take one step in the double time and then commence marching in the cadence of quick time in accordance with proper movements as explained above.

a. To HALT — The Halt may be executed as either foot strikes the ground. To halt when marching in quick time, when the command is given as either foot strikes the ground, take one step in quick time and place your rear foot alongside the leading foot and assume the position of attention. To halt when marching at the double time, take one step in double time, then one step in quick time and then place your rear foot alongside the leading foot and assume the position of attention. (See Figure 4.)

b. To Mark Time—Mark time may be given either while you are marching or while you are at a halt. Mark time may be executed either at quick or double time. If you are marching, you take one more step forward and then bring up your rear foot and plant it beside your leading foot with your heels on the same line. Continue the cadence by alternately raising and planting each foot. You raise your feet 2 inches in marking time. The command to march may be given as either foot is on the ground. To mark

time when you are at a halt, you execute the same movements as you do while marching. To take up full step, the command 1. Forward, 2. MARCH is given.

c. Half-Step — If you are marching when the command 1. Half-Step, 2. MARCH, is given you take one more 30-inch step, then begin taking 15-inch steps. The cadence does not change. If you are marching at half-step, the command to take up the full step is: 1. Forward, 2. MARCH.

d. Side-Step

(1) Right Step — The command is: 1. Right Step, 2. MARCH. You move the right foot 12 inches to the right and plant it beside the right, left knee and straight.

(2) Left Step — Execute this in a corresponding manner to the right step. The command halt is given when the heels are together. At the command halt you take one more 12-inch step to the flank and then bring your feet together and halt.

e. Back Step — The command is: 1. Backward, 2. MARCH. These commands are given only while at halt. At the command MARCH you take a 15-inch step straight to the rear.

f. To March By the Right or Left Flank—

(1) RIGHT FLANK — The command is: 1. By the Right (Left) Flank, 2. MARCH. The command for Right Flank will be given as your right foot strikes the ground. At the command MARCH advance and plant your left foot and face to the right in marching. You then step off in the new direction with the right foot. The command for left flank will be given as your left foot strikes the ground. At the command MARCH advance and plant your right foot, face to the left in marching, and move off in the new direction with your left foot.

g. Change Step — Being in march at quick time, the command is: 1. Change Step, 2. MARCH. At the command MARCH, given as either foot strikes the ground, take one more full step, bring the toe of the foot in rear opposite the heel of the one in front, and step off again with the foot in front.

h. To March Other than At Attention —The commands are: 1. Route Step, 2. MARCH; or 1. At Ease, 2. MARCH. (1) At "Route Step" you are not required to march at attention, or in cadence, or to maintain silence.

(2) In marching "At Ease" you are not required to march at attention or in cadence. You are, however, required to maintain SILENCE.



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## RIOT FORMATIONS

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wedge each individual member of the squad will pivot to the right and rear and continue marching backwards in the direction being taken by the wedge.

The squad leaders will always take a position one pace to the rear and in the center of their squads.

**TO FORM PLATOON WEDGE NO. 3  
FROM PLATOON WEDGE NO. 1  
EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY  
SQUADS, RIFLE SECTION:**

The wedge is always formed as described for platoon Wedge No. 1.

**EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY  
SQUADS, SHOTGUN SECTION:**

The second (or right) squad leader upon the command of execution will execute a column right, each member of his squad to follow in column, and upon reaching the right rear point of the wedge the squad leader will take his position in rear of his squad. The number one private of this squad will face to the right, each member of the squad to turn to the right as soon as the man to his front completes this movement, and will walk backwards in the original direction of the moving wedge.

The first (or left) squad leader upon the command of execution will execute a column left, each member of his squad to follow in column, and upon reaching the left rear point of the wedge the squad leader will take his position in rear of his squad. The number one private of this squad will face to the left, each member of the squad to turn to the left as soon as the man to his front completes this movement, and will walk backwards in the original direction of the moving wedge.

**TO FORM PLATOON WEDGE NO. 3  
FROM PLATOON WEDGE NO. 2  
EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY  
SQUADS, RIFLE SECTION:**

The rifle section is already in wedge formation.

**EXECUTION OF MOVEMENTS BY  
SQUADS, SHOTGUN SECTION:**

Upon the command of execution each individual member of the second (or right) squad will oblique to his left and upon reaching the line between the two rear points of the wedge will pivot to the right and rear and continue marching backwards in the original direction of the moving wedge.

Upon the command of execution each individual member of the first (or left) squad will oblique to his right and upon reaching the line between the two rear points of the wedge will pivot to the right and rear and continue marching backwards in the original direction of the moving wedge.

### GENERAL REMARKS

In all riot formations the squad leader is always to the rear and center of his squad. The platoon leader always places himself to the rear and right center of the formation, the platoon sergeant places himself to the platoon leader's left, the platoon guide (rifle section leader) in the center and front of the platoon leader and platoon sergeant, and the shotgun section leader in the center and rear of the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. The Thompson sub-machine gunner in each of the shotgun squads will always take a position within the formation (one on the right, the other on the left) and is responsible for upper windows and roof-tops of buildings on the opposite side of the street from him, to watch for persons intent upon doing harm to the soldiers in the formation as they pass in the street below.



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Governor Coke Stevenson, commander-in-chief of the Texas State Guard, was a visitor at the opening of the final session of the Eighth Service Command State Guard School. Governor Stevenson addressed the students in the camp theatre Sunday evening, saying, "I can't imagine any trouble of any kind breaking out in Texas that the Texas State Guard can't handle."

Lt. Col. H. A. Pollack, Royal Scots Fusiliers, British army officer who was chief instructor at the first Eighth Service Command State Guard School last year, was a visitor at the same time. Colonel Pollack spoke to the students, following the governor. Colonel Pollack was to remain at Bullis for several days.

Pictures of the Governor's and Colonel Pollack's visit to Bullis will be published in next month's GUARDSMAN.

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Congratulations are due Company D, 32nd Bn., Tyler, for the excellent recruiting drive which had as its spearhead a well-edited and informative newspaper called "The Tyler Guard." A four-page sheet, the newspaper was made possible by the cooperation of the management of the T. B. Butler Publishing Company, publishers of the Tyler Courier-Times and Morning Telegraph. Capt. W. E. Yarbrow is commanding officer of Company D.

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our Country will most vitally need us. —The time for blood, sweat and tears is not yet past . . ." I did not realize how true these statements were until the Guard was actually called out in Beaumont. Thank God, the Guard was ready and able, and efficiently took care of the situation. How about your Company or your Battalion? Do you sincerely feel that you are ready to successfully cope with a similar situation? If you feel that you are, let me warn you against the dangers of over-confidence. If you have your doubts, you have lots of hard work before you that should not be put off any longer. There are some mighty fine lessons we can all profit by in the Beaumont episode. Don't overlook them. You heard about some of them at Camp Bullis, and you can put those lessons to good use back home.

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vantages which might be obtained in setting up regimental organization of the Texas State Guard. A number of other State Guards are already operating on that basis. Joint maneuvers of various battalions have demonstrated, to some extent at least, the need for a coordinating command for various groups of battalions. When several battalions need to carry on joint operations as they did in Beaumont, they need to know how it is done, and this "know how" can be attained only through practice and training. The affair in Beaumont was handled beautifully and successfully by efficient and experienced officers; but its success was in spite of the inexperience of the various units of the Guard in joint operations. Do any of you officers have any ideas along this line? If so, this column would like to hear them and air them a little.

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their home stations during August and September by the intensive mobilization training planned by the Adjutant General's Department.

Further, a meeting of the executive committee of the American Legion will be held at Austin in early October, and many Guard officers will attend this meeting. To make the dates of the TSGOA convention and the American Legion executive committee meeting coincide would enable Guard officers who are members of both organizations to attend both meetings with but one trip to Austin.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the date of the convention will be set when it is known when the American Legion executive committee will

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Special commendation has been received by 1st Lt. Jerry Tesar of the 31st Battalion staff at Mission for his work in compiling a military training manual for the Mission High School Victory Corps members.

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# WHAT IS THE TASK FORCE ALERT PLAN?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Beaumont incident brought out the importance of every command having a complete and thorough understanding of the Task Force Alert Plan. To provide a comprehensive definition, and clarify any misunderstandings which may exist, the following article was prepared.

Although covered thoroughly in Training Memorandum No. 1 (Tactical), distributed May 24, 1943, in connection with the Mobilization Training Schools held during the month of June and to

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be continued in August, the Martial Law duty at Beaumont revealed that many units were not familiar with the difference between the "Local Alert Plan" and the "Task Force Alert Plan." All orders affecting the preparing, alerting, and assembling of the individual battalion for mobilization originates with the battalion commander, and the time, place, and other pertinent information will be given him by an officer acting for the Adjutant General.

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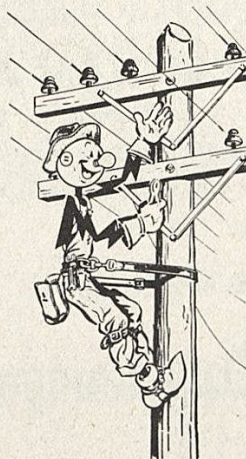
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tion by strict military interpretation  
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his supply, and all of the other mechan-  
ical processes of this conversion. It is  
realized that the term mobilization has  
been rather loosely used in the past and  
there has grown in the minds of the  
officers of the Texas State Guard the  
interpretation that a mobilization plan  
was only an alert or assembly plan. It  
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### THE LOCAL ALERT PLAN

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### THE TASK FORCE ALERT PLAN

This is the most important of the two plans, and should be thoroughly understood by every officer and enlisted man. Its purpose is the assembling of your forces in order to move outside your own defense area. This plan should contemplate the organization of the unit at its armory and movement by transport to a designated rendezvous where it may act independently or join

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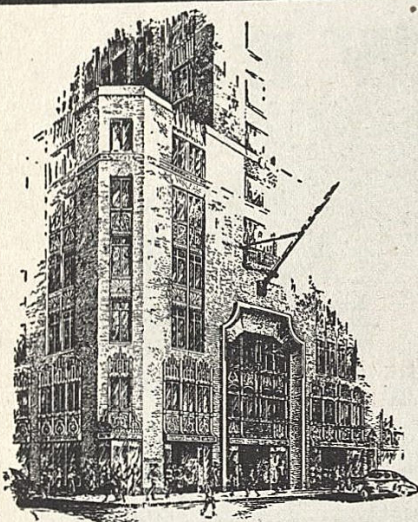
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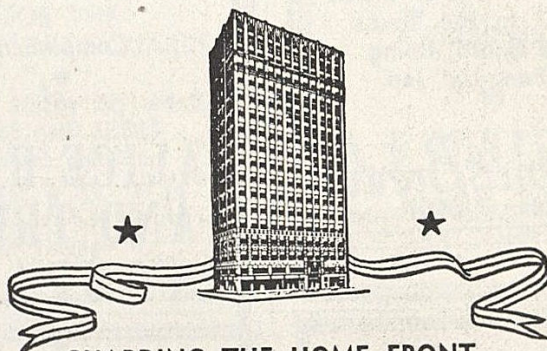
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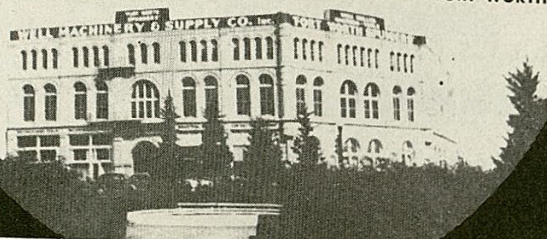
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**COMPANY ALERT PLAN**

Note: This plan contemplates com-  
plete supply and administration of the  
company for 24 hours after which it is  
assumed the battalion will take over  
the administrative and supply functions  
normally the battalion's responsibility.

1. The following can be used as a  
check list to test your alert plan with  
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a. List the availability of the supplies  
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cured, whose responsibility the procurement is, and complete list of the supplies to be procured.

b. Communications. Telephone, telegraph, messengers, etc.

c. Transportation of the entire company, including supplies mentioned in sub-paragraph a. above.

d. Care of sick and wounded, hospitalization plans, and the evacuation of personnel, sick and wounded.

e. Maps and intelligence information of the assigned defense area. This includes up-to-date maps showing vital installations, critical area and other intelligence information.

f. A complete list of individual equipment which is to be carried to the armory or assembly point by the enlisted men and the officers.

g. Data sheet showing arms and ammunition other than issue which will be available for use in an emergency and the plan for assembling them.

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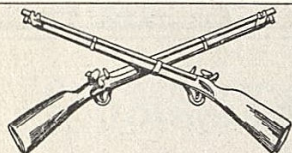


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The unfortunate student who had a bayonet penetrate his posterior about 1 1/2 inches (he was pushed into it during the Branttown demonstration the third week—or he didn't jump fast enough) has been recommended for—not the Order of the Purple Heart—but the Order of the Green Liver. Other appropriate Orders will suggest themselves to the nimble mind.

The daring cadets who, during the Branttown demonstration, tried to disarm the MP's by grasping their fixed bayonets, and, as is hardly surprising, cut their hands in the process, are being sought by the regular army as booby-trap testers. The Navy also wants them for trying out a new kind of open-air submarine.

Everyone who was part of the school personnel deserves a large and handsome bouquet, but particular thanks are due every officer and man in Company B, 726th M.P. Bn. (ZI), the demonstration unit. The students were in close and continuous association with these

troops, and from privates up, they leaned over backward to be pleasant, patient and helpful, far exceeding the requirements of their assignment.

Captain Weightman, Captain Brown and Lieutenants Pressman, Watkins, Sherron and Keywood can be pleased with themselves and their men for a job well done.

A cowboy song to end all cowboy songs, and one that will stir the bones of any old cavalryman, was introduced at Camp Bullis. It came about this way.

Four Texas State Guard officers were sitting around a table in a San Antonio grog shop. They were Texans in the sense that Sam Houston was a Texan—one was from Virginia, one from Georgia, one from Ohio, and one from Louisiana. They all admitted they would gladly shed their blood for dear old Texas, but they also freely admitted they could live without cowboy songs.

So one of the quartet presented this cowboy song as the cowboy song to end all cowboy songs:

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(to end all cowboy songs)

*spoken ad lib.*

Blood on the sad - die! DRIP!!

*spoken ad lib.*

Blood on the ground — ! SPLASH!!

Blood in lit - tle pud - dles all a - round!

*spoken ad lib.*

DRIP! SPLASH! GURGLE!

*spoken ad lib.*

A Cow - boy lay dy - ing! WHOO!!

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His poor horse stood by cry - ing! NEIGH!!

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